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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS FLYING VIA ATHENS TO JAMAICA COMMON-WEALTH CONFERENCE

- 1. MOST ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE OF MAKARIOS' REQUEST TO FLY FROM SBA AT AKROTIRI AND BRITISH RESISTANCE TO IT. ALTERNATIVE PLANS SUGGESTED WERE: (1) THAT BRITISH AIRWAYS DIVERT FLIGHT FROM BEIRUT OR TEL AVIV TO PICK HIM UP AT AKROTIRI, WHICH B.A. REFUSED; (2) THAT MAKARIOS CATCH B.A. FLIGHT IN TEL AVIV, WHICH WAS NOT ACCEPTED (MAKARIOS WAS CONCERNED SOME OF HIS AREA "FRIENDS" MIGHT MISINTERPRET THIS); (3) THAT B.A. PROVIDE A CHARTER AIRCRAFT, WHICH MAKARIOS REJECTED AS TOO EXPENSIVE. MAKARIOS HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO FLY CYPRUS AIRWAYS FROM LARNACA, TRANSFER AT ATHENS, ARRIVING LONDON EVENING APRIL 26 AND DEPARTING NEXT MORNING, APRIL 27.
- 2. THERE WILL BE NO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS WITH MAKARIOS IN LONDON. HOWEVER, FCO OFFICIALS WILL OBVIOUSLY TRY CONFIDENTIAL

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TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM; THEY SUSPECT THEY WILL BE MADE

TO PAY AT SOME FUTURE DATE FOR PYRRHIC "VICTORY" OF PREVENTING HIS USE OF AKROTIRI.

3. COMMENT: FACT MAKARIOS IS PREPARED TO TRANSIT ATHENS CONFIRMS REPORTS THAT HE NO LONGER HAS REASON TO FEAR PRESSURE FROM CARAMANLIS IN ANY MEETING THAT MIGHT TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE TWO MEN IN ATHENS (IF INDEED ANY MEETING TAKES PLACE THERE AT ALL).

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